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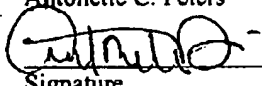
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Title: MEDICAL CONNECTOR SYSTEM

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. A copy of the European Search Report, mailed September 27, 2006 is transmitted herewith.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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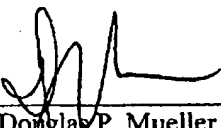
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	US 4,810,240	03/1989	Rogers				
	US 5,792,120	08/1998	Mcnyhay				
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